Production of Vitamins by B1 and by B2

2974. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IDPL is the only producer of Vitamin B1 and Vitamin B2 in the organised sector;

(b) what is the licensed and installed capacity of each drug of IDPL;

(c) what was the total demand placed with IDPL of these two drugs during the last three years, year-wise and what was the supply made by IDPL each year;

(d) what was the production of these drugs during the last three years, year-wise;

(e) whether it is a fact that the production falls short of requirement and IDPL is tieing the sales of these two drugs with other drugs;

(f) whether it is also a fact that IDPL has imported these drugs; and

(g) if so, the quantity imported during the last two years, year-wise alongwith the price of import?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (g) A statement giving the requisite information it attached. (*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 127)

New telephone connections

2975. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimates regarding the requirements of new telephone connections in the country in the Seventh Plan period and the Eighth Plan period have been made;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the present production line will be able to meet the future requirements of new telephone connections; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the new proposals for boosting up the production of telephones, establishing the new telephone exchanges and expanding the capacity of the present telephone exchanges in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The requisite information is given in the enclosed Statement (*See below*).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Action has already been initiated to increase the production of equipments indigenously to meet the estimated requirements. Proposal commensurate with approved outlay of 7th Plan have been drawn for providing new connections. Similarly for the 8th plan period draft plan has been formulated for providing 50 lakh direct exchange lines. (DELs).

Statement

Statewise requirement of new telephone connections in the country during Seventh and Eighth Plan period are :

All figures in lakhs

Name of the State	Seventh Plan	Eighth Plan
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	1.73	3.53
Assam	0.12	0.21
Bihar	0.25	0.39
Gujarat	2.16	4.27
Haryana	0.46	0.89
Himachal Pradesh	0.12	0.26
Jammu & Kashmir	0.13	0.24
Karnataka	1.67	3.38
Kerala	1.59	3.35
Madhya Pradesh	0.72	1.37
Maharashtra	60.2	11.85
North Eastern	0.08	0.13
Orissa	0.19	0.35